

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated March 23, 2006, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 13-19 are withdrawn in this application. Claims 1-5, 7-9 and 11 are rejected and claims 6, 10 and 12 are objected to by the Examiner. Claim 1 has been amended, and claims 6, 10 and 12 have been canceled. Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11, and 13-19 remain pending in this application. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 6, 10, and 12 contain allowable subject matter.

In the Office Action, claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,457,733 to Gioia et al. (hereinafter "Gioia"). Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2001/0030502 to Kwon et al. (hereinafter "Kwon"). Claims 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gioia. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Japanese Publication No. 05-074725 to Umetsu (hereinafter "Umetsu").

Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 6, hence claim 1 and claims 2-5, 7-9, and 11 that depend from claim 1 are allowable.

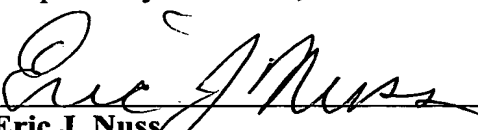
Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.*

Respectfully submitted,

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